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3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____ .

THOMAS R. PEESO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. According to the invention, there is a password policy checking in a directory server system. The method provides a directory server system capable of assigning a specific password policy to a user or a set of users, so as to adjust the password mechanism controls to the user profile. Broadly, there is proposed a method of implementing a password checking function based on password-related data in a directory server system. The directory server system has a directory server interacting with entries organized in a tree structure. The entries comprising user entries. The method comprises creating an additional entry, having attached password related data, Extra data is attached to a given user entry, wherein the extra data password-related data designates the additional entry. Upon a call of the password checking function for the given entry, the password policy checking function is executed for the given user entry based on the password-related data in the additional entry designated by the extra data of the given user entry.

There is also proposed a directory server capable of interacting with entries entries. The directory server has a password checking function capable of checking the password for a user entry, based on password-related data. The password checking function is responsive to a user entry having extra data associated thereto, and identifying an additional entry, for executing a distinct password checking based on the password related data defined in that additional entry.

Embodiments of the present invention may also be defined as an apparatus or

system, and/or as software code for implementing the method, or for use in the system,

and/or as portions of such software code, in all their alternative embodiments to be

described hereinafter.

There features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Peeso whose telephone number is 571 272-

3809. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The

central fax number for the office is 571 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, can be reached on 571 272-3799.

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